# Daily Digest

## Senate

#### Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4824–4842, and S. Res. 750.

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#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 116–283)

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#### House Messages:

Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act: By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 207), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute.

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Point of Order: By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 208), Senate agreed to the motion to table Schumer motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Schumer point of order with respect to consideration of a nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States this close to a presidential election, was not ripe for decision and was not sustained. Subsequently, Schumer motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected.

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Newman Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

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Motion to Adjourn: By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 209), Senate agreed to the motion to table Schumer motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Schumer motion to adjourn the Senate was

not in order. Subsequently, Schumer motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—209) Pages S6343-44, S6366-67

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon and recessed at 7:24 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, October 22, 2020, after agreeing to the motion to recess. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$6381.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine passenger and freight rail, focusing on the current status of the rail network and the track ahead, after receiving testimony from William Flynn, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), Ian N. Jefferies, Association of American Railroads, and Dennis R. Pierce, Teamsters Rail Conference, all of Washington, D.C.; Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Develop-Corporation, Havre, Montana; Chirumbole, Olin Corporation, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; Randy Gordon, National Grain and Feed Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Kent Fountain, National Cotton Council, Surrency, Georgia.

#### VA MISSION ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA MISSION Act, focusing

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